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SUBJECT: US-EC DECLARATION

1. SUMMARY: AN EC COMMISSION SOURCE SAYS THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE NEW TEXT PRODUCED BY THE "CORRESPONDENTS" OF THE NINE IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EARLIER LONG VERSION OF THE US-EC DECLARATION BUT IS STILL NOT AS "SEXY" AS WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT. THE TEXT HAS BEEN REFERRED ROUTINELY TO THE EC PERM REPS FOR THEIR INFORMATION, BUT IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE FRENCH WILL INSIST ON HAVING THE MATTER DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS. THE
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POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD THEN CONSIDER THE TEXT AT

THEIR FEBRUARY 6-7 MEETING, END SUMMARY.

2. AN EC COMMISSION SOURCE WHO ATTENDED THE JANUARY 21-22 BONN MEETING OF THE GROUP OF CORRESPONDENTS HAS GIVEN US A CONFIDENTIAL FILL-IN REGARDING THE DISCUSSION ON THE US-EC DECLARATION. HE CHARACTERIZED THE THREE DRAFTS ON THE TABLE IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS: THE UK DRAFT HAD RELATIVELY MORE ECONOMIC CONTENT THAN THE ITALIAN OR FRENCH DRAFTS. IT WAS ALSO BASICALLY LIBERAL IN CONTENT AND, WHILE SHORTER THAN THE "LOND"US-EC TEXT, RETAINED SOME SPECIFICITY ON ENERGY, TRADE, ETC. THE ITALIAN DRAFT HAD NO ECONOMIC PASSAGES. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THIS IS BECAUSE IT WAS DRAFTED BY THE "POLITICAL TYPES" IN THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NOT BECAUSE OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES. THE FRENCH DRAFT, ALLEGEDLY CLEARED PERSONALLY BY POMPIDOU, CONTAINED TWO ECONOMIC PARAGRAPHS. THE FIRST, WHILE BASICALLY OPEN AND LIBERAL IN THRUST, EMPHASIZED MULTILATERAL ASPECTS WITH LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE BILATERAL US-EC RELATIONSHIP. THE SECOND ECONOMIC PARAGRAPH IN THE FRENCH DRAFT WAS DEVOTED TO LDCS.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE RESULT OF TWELVE HOURS DISCUSSION, ABLY CHAIRED BY FRG REPRESENTATIVE VON DE GABLENTZ, WAS A COMMON TEXT. HE CONFIRMED OTHER REPORTS THAT "NEURALGIC" TERMS SUCH AS PARTNERSHIP WERE BYPASSED BY USING MORE NEUTRAL PHRASEOLOGY. THE FRENCH REMAINED VERY SENSITIVE TO ANYTHING THAT COULD IMPLY A US RIGHT TO COMMENT ON EC POLICIES WHILE THEY ARE BEING DEVELOPED.

4. THE COMMON TEXT STILL HAS SOME FRENCH RESEVATIONS. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE FRENCH RESERVATIONS WERE PUT IN THE FORM OF "THINKING OUT LOUD". ONE QUESTION RAISED BY THE FRENCH IS WHETHER SHORTENING THE TEXT CHANGES THE BALANCE. THE SECOND QUESTION IS WHETHER SOME PARTS OF THE OLD TEXT THAT MIGHT BE CARRIED OVER IN THE SHORTER VERSION HAVE BEEN OUTDATED BY THE NEW SITUATION: E.G., THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS ON ENERGY AND THE FLOATING OF THE FRENCH FRANC.

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5. THE TEXT IS NOW TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE NINE AT THEIR FEBRUARY 6-7 MEETING. IT IS CURRENTLY BEING PASSED THROUGH THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERM REPS "FOR INFORMATION". THE FRG CHAIRMAN HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PERM REPS NOT DISCUSS IT SINCE THE ECONOMIC PASSAGES ARE WITHIN THE SUBSTANTIVE LIMITS SET BY THE LONG VERSION OF THE US-EC DECLARATION. OUR SOURCE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT,

DESPITE THE GERMAN RECOMMENDATION, SOME EC PERM
REP -- PROBABLY THE FRENCH -- MIGHT INSIST ON DIS-
CUSSION IN BRUSSELS. GREENWALD

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